

iGEM 2016: Pittsburgh
Week 6 Lab Notebook

Monday, June 27

Lab meeting

[Digest](#) T7-RBS -- amilCP with PstI to linearize

[Mini-prep](#) liquid cultures of terminator ligations (Maddie)

Concentrations (ng/uL)

	1	2	3	4	5
T7eGFP-term	151.3	108.5	182.1	198.9	91.5
T7amilCP-term	161.6	143.2	112.4	149.1	137.9

[Digest](#) with EcoRI and PstI (10 uL reaction volume) (Claire)

0.5 uL EcoRI

0.5 uL PstI

1 ug DNA =

	1	2	3	4	5
T7eGFP-term	6.61 uL	9.22	5.49	5.03	10.93
T7amilCP-term	6.19	6.98	8.90	6.71	7.25

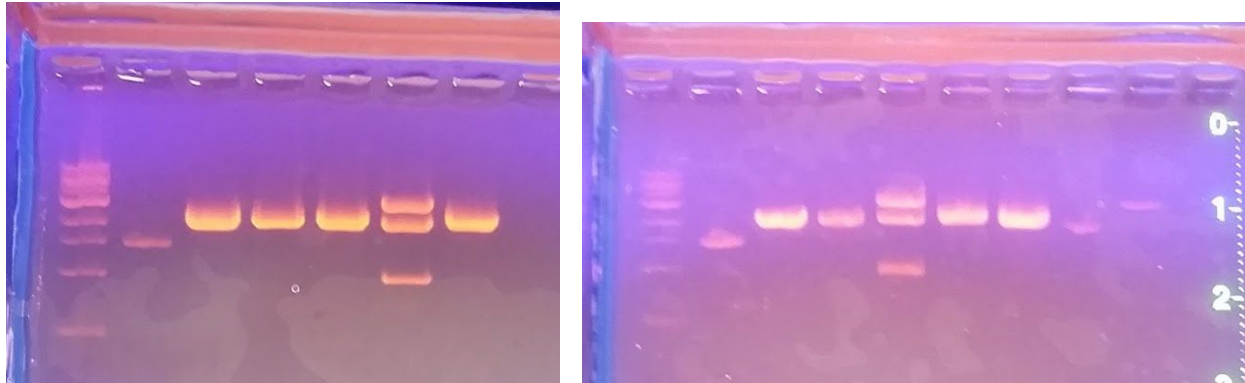
1 uL buffer

H2O to volume =

	1	2	3	4	5
T7eGFP-term	1.39 uL	0	2.51	2.97	0
T7amilCP-term	1.81	1.02	0	1.29	0.75

[Gel](#) check of ligations

Lane	1	ladder	Lane	1	ladder
	2	uncut T7eGFP-term 1		2	uncut T7amil-term 1
	3	1		3	1
	4	2		4	2
	5	3		5	3
	6	4		6	4
	7	5		7	5
				8	uncut T7--amil
				9	lin T7--amil 3-2



amilCP 3 and eGFP 4 are successful

[Transform](#) 5 uL successful ligation plasmid in 75 uL Cheryl's cells sitting out from Aife

[Purify](#) 3-2 T7-RBS amilCP

15 ng/uL, about 25 uL

[Cell-free](#) test of amilCP -- no color

Tuesday, June 28

No T7-eGFP-term 4 growth, redo [transformation](#) (Maddie and Claire)

Resuspend IDT oligos at 100 uM (Maddie and Claire)

VR: 289 uL water

VF2: 318 uL water

#1 DNA Trigger_Collins Swit: 678 uL

#2 DNA Trigger_Collins Swit: 580 uL

T3-RBS-suffix antisense: 281 uL

prefix-T3-RBS: 724 uL

Biobrick reverse: 313 uL

Biobrick forward: 294 uL

[Sequence](#) promising T7 amilCP term and T7 eGFP term (Claire)

2.5 uL primer

500 ng plasmid amilCP: 4.45 uL eGFP: 2.51 uL

H2O to 15 uL amilCP: 8.05 eGFP: 9.99 uL

amilCP VF2 LA01

VR LA02

eGFP VF2 LA03

VR LA04

[Cell-free](#) test of amilCP (again) --nothing

Wednesday, June 29

[Cell-free](#) Collins toeholds experiment with 25 ng switch and decreasing trigger (Claire)

Amt D trigger	25 (x2)	25 mismatch (x2)	10 (x2)	5 (x2)	0
Solution A	2	2	2	2	2

Solution B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Switch (13-2) 25 ng	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Trigger (14-1)	0.61 at /4 dilution	0.67 16-2 at /4 dilution	0.61 at /10 dilution	0.61 at /20 dilution	0
substrate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
water	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.7

/4 dilution (40.725 ng/uL): 1 uL 14-1 + 3 uL water

/10 dilution (16.29 ng/uL): 0.5 uL 14-1 + 4.5 uL water

/20 dilution (8.145 ng/uL): 1 uL /10 + 1 uL water

Amt G trigger	25 (x2)	25 mismatch (x2)	10 (x2)	5 (x2)	0
Solution A	2	2	2	2	2
Solution B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Switch (13-2) 25 ng	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
Trigger (14-1)	0.67 at /4 dilution	0.61 14-1 at /4 dilution	0.67 at /10 dilution	0.67 at /20 dilution	0
substrate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
water	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.74

/4 dilution (37.15 ng/uL): 1 uL 14-1 + 3 uL water

/10 dilution (14.86 ng/uL): 0.5 uL 14-1 + 4.5 uL water

/20 dilution (7.43 ng/uL): 1 uL /10 + 1 uL water

PROCEDURE

1. Dilute trigger plasmids to working concentrations as written under tables

2. Make master mix for 20 reactions (18 reactions + 2 for pipetting error)

40 uL Solution A

30 uL Solution B

5 uL RNAse inhibitor

5 uL Substrate (Chlorophenol Red- β -D-galactopyranoside at 12 mg/mL = 20X)

3. Separate 40 uL of master mix, 40 uL (10 rxns) each for D and G
4. Add 3 uL 13-2 switch // 2.6 uL 15-1 switch
5. Remove 4.3 uL // 4.26 uL for controls
6. To Step 5, add 0.7 uL // 0.74 uL water

CONTROLS DONE

7. From Step 4, remove 8.6 uL // 8.52 uL for mismatch reactions
8. To Step 7, add 0.06 uL // 0.26 uL water
9. Separate Step 8 into 2 rxns of 4.33 uL // 4.39 uL
10. Add 0.67 uL /4 16-2 trigger // 0.61 uL /4 14-1 trigger to each of 2

MISMATCHES DONE

11. To Step 4, add 0.63 uL // 0.49 uL water
12. Separate into 6 rxns of 4.39 uL // 4.33 uL
13. Add 0.61 uL // 0.67 uL DNA

ALL REACTIONS DONE

14. Spin down in microcentrifuge
15. Incubate at 37 degC for 2 hours

*13 5-2 ran low on mix

Color change visible by 50 minutes into incubation, not as much for 13 5-1 and 5-2

Dilute to 55 uL total

RESULTS

Clear plate:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C	13-0	13 5-1	13 5-2	13 10-1	13 10-2	13 25-1	13 25-2	13 MM 1	13 MM 2
D	15-0	15 5-1	15 5-2	15 10-1	15 10-2	15 25-1	15 25-2	15 MM 1	15 MM 2

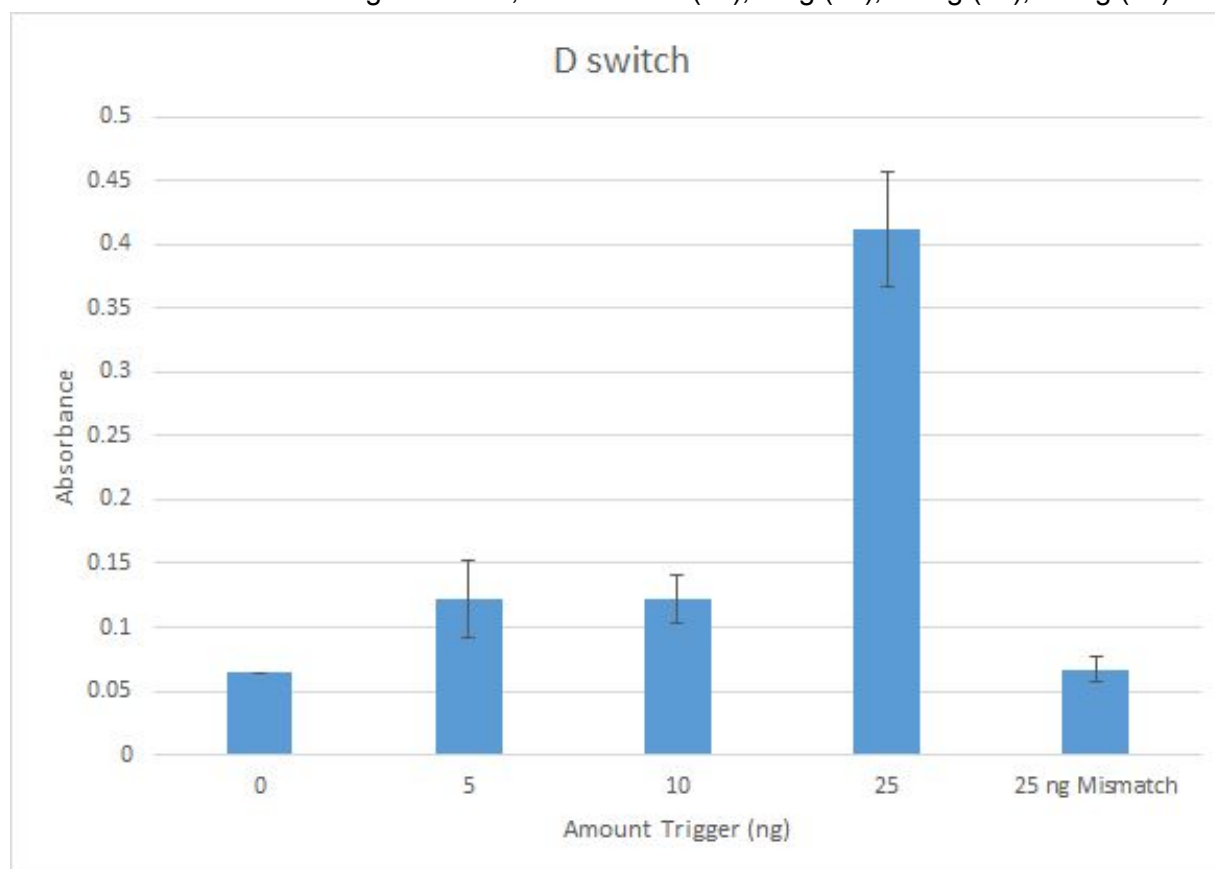
Absorbance read at 570 nm (Roy)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C	0.064	0.143	0.100	0.136	0.109	0.443	0.380	0.074	0.060
D	0.047	0.283	0.276	0.275	0.305	0.225	0.309	0.057	0.059





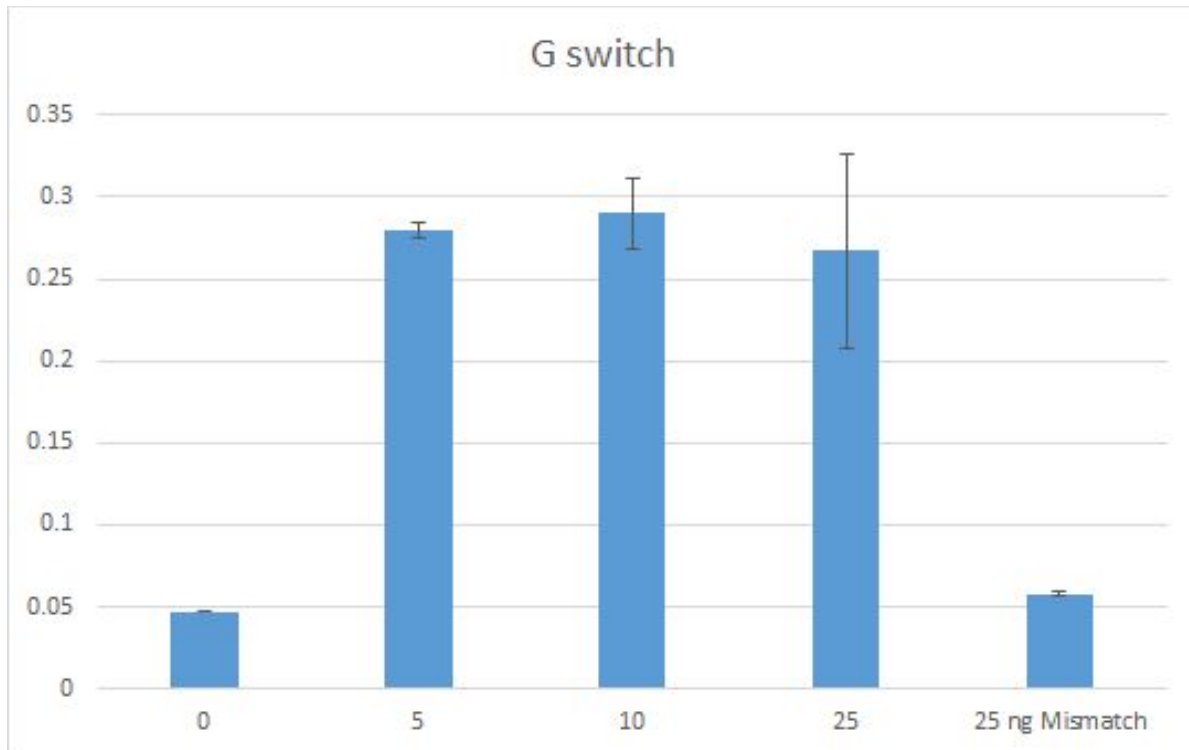
D switch. From left to right: control, mismatches (x2), 5 ng (x2), 10 ng (x2), 25 ng (x2)



Absorbances read at 570 nm. 5 uL duplicate reactions were diluted to 55 uL with water to cover the bottoms of the wells. Error bars represent standard deviation.



G switch. From left to right: control, mismatches (x2), 5 ng (x2), 10 ng (x2), 25 ng (x2)



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[Glycerol stock](#) of T7RBS-amilCP-terminator (Maddie)

[Miniprep](#) liquid cultures (Maddie)

Concentrations (ng/uL):

T7 RBS -- amilCP	1	118.9
	2	249.6
	3	341.1
	4	191.3

T7 RBS -- amilCP -- terminator: 149.2

Make [liquid cultures](#) of T7RBS -- amilCP -- terminator (x3) (Claire)

T7RBS -- eGFP -- terminator (x4)

eGFP plate was overgrown; difficult to pick individual colonies

Test amilCP with and without terminator in [cell free reaction](#) (Aife)

Linearized: 15 ng/uL

amilCP--term 2: 243.2 ng/uL in duplicate

	200 ng	100 ng	50 ng	25 ng	25 ng linear	Control
Solution A	2	2	2	2	2	2
Solution B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse inhibitor	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025

DNA	1.4	0.7	0.35	0.17	1.6	0
water	0.75	0.775	1.125	1.305	0	1.475

No color visible to the naked eye

Thursday, June 30

[Miniprep](#) (Maddie)

concentrations	T7-eGFP-term 1	202.6
ng/uL	T7-eGFP-term 2	81.2
	T7-eGFP-term 3	99.1
	T7-eGFP-term 4	230.6
	T7-amilCP-term 1	62.3
	T7-amilCP-term 2	52.3
	T7-amilCP-term 3	51.3

Read yesterday's amilCP reactions (absorbance at 588 nm)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
F	control	25-1	25-2	50-1	50-2	100-1	100-2	200-1	200-2	200 lin-1	200 lin-2

F	0.101	0.045	0.049	0.046	0.045	0.050	0.062	0.047	0.048	0.046	0.053
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No protein detected

[Cell-free](#) T7-GFP volume optimization and quick test of plasmid eGFP (Claire)

Volume optimization with T7-GFP

MP = 120.8 ng/uL

Reaction volume	25 uL (x3)	20 uL (x3)	10 uL (x3)	5 uL (x3)	2.5 uL (x3)	1 uL (x3)
Solution A	10	8	4 µL	2 µL	1	0.4
Solution B	7.5	6	3 µL	1.5 µL	0.75	0.3
RNAse inhibitor	0.25	0.2	0.1 µL	0.05	0.025	0.01
H2O	6.345	4.972	2.486	1.243	0.6215	0.25
DNA (5 ng/uL)	1.03	0.828	0.414	0.207	0.1035	0.04

Controls	25 uL (x1)	20 uL (x1)	10 uL (x1)	5 uL (x1)	2.5 uL (x1)	1 uL (x1)
Solution A	10	8	4 µL	2 µL	1	0.4
Solution B	7.5	6	3 µL	1.5 µL	0.75	0.3
RNAse inhibitor	0.25	0.2	0.1 µL	0.05	0.025	0.01

H2O	7.25	5.8	2.9	1.45	0/725	0.29
DNA (5 ng/uL)	0	0	0	0	0	0

T7-eGFP-terminator quick test, 5 uL reactions

Amount of plasmid	200 ng	100 ng	50 ng	0 ng (use above)
Solution A	2 µL	2 µL	2 µL	2 µL
Solution B	1.5 µL	1.5 µL	1.5 µL	1.5 µL
RNAse inhibitor	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
water	0.46	0.44	0.83	1.45
DNA	0.99 (eGFP 1)	1.01 (eGFP 3)	0.62 (eGFP 2)	0
rfu's (ex 485 em 515 cutoff 495)	505.40	485.85	185.78	11.656

PROCEDURE

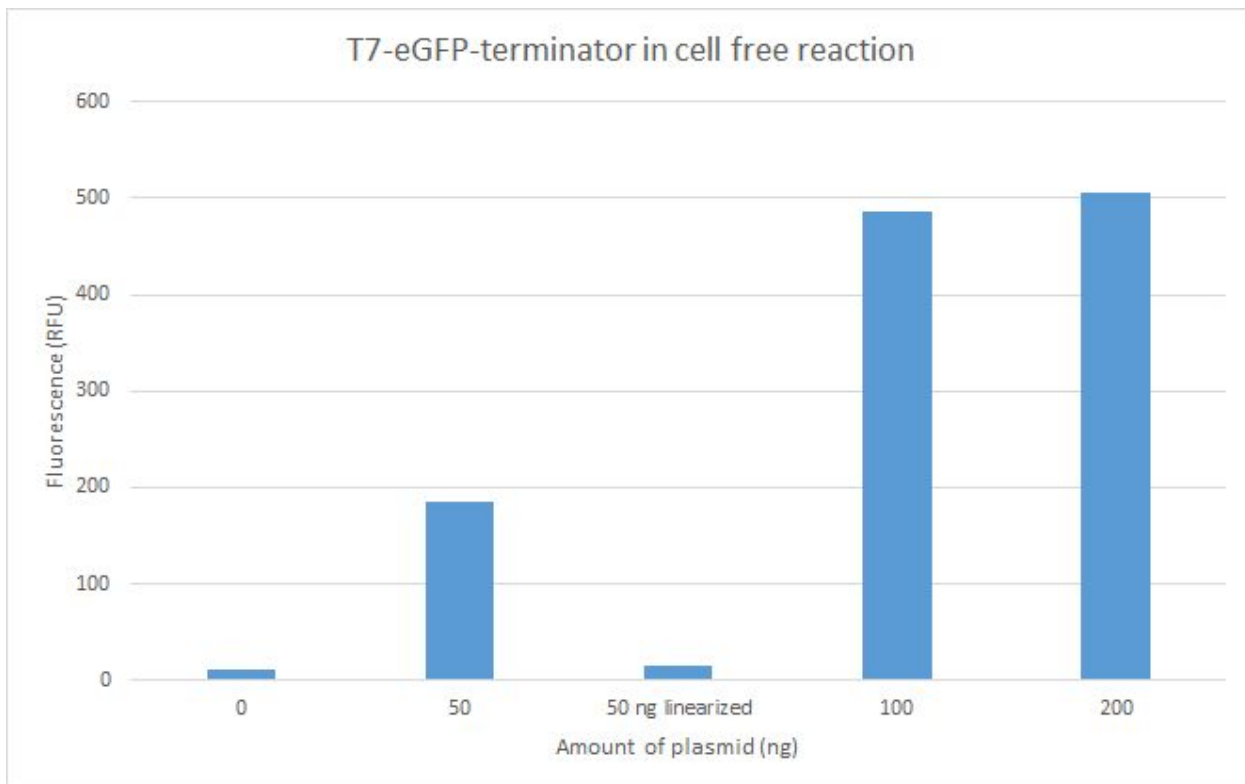
- Master mix: 25 uL x 4
20 uL x 4
10 uL x 4 = 111.6 uL Solution A
5 uL x 9 = 83.7 uL Solution B
2.5 uL x 4 = 2.79 uL RNAse inhibitor
1 uL x 4
- Remove 3.55 uL x3 for T7-eGFP-term reactions
Add appropriate amount of DNA and water
- From remaining mix, remove 45.085 uL for controls
Add 18.415 uL water
Separate into 25, 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1 uL CONTROLS DONE
- To remaining mix, add 49.86 uL water
8.2815 uL DNA (MP T7-GFP, 120.8 ng/uL)
Separate into 3 each of 25, 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1 uL

Black plate:

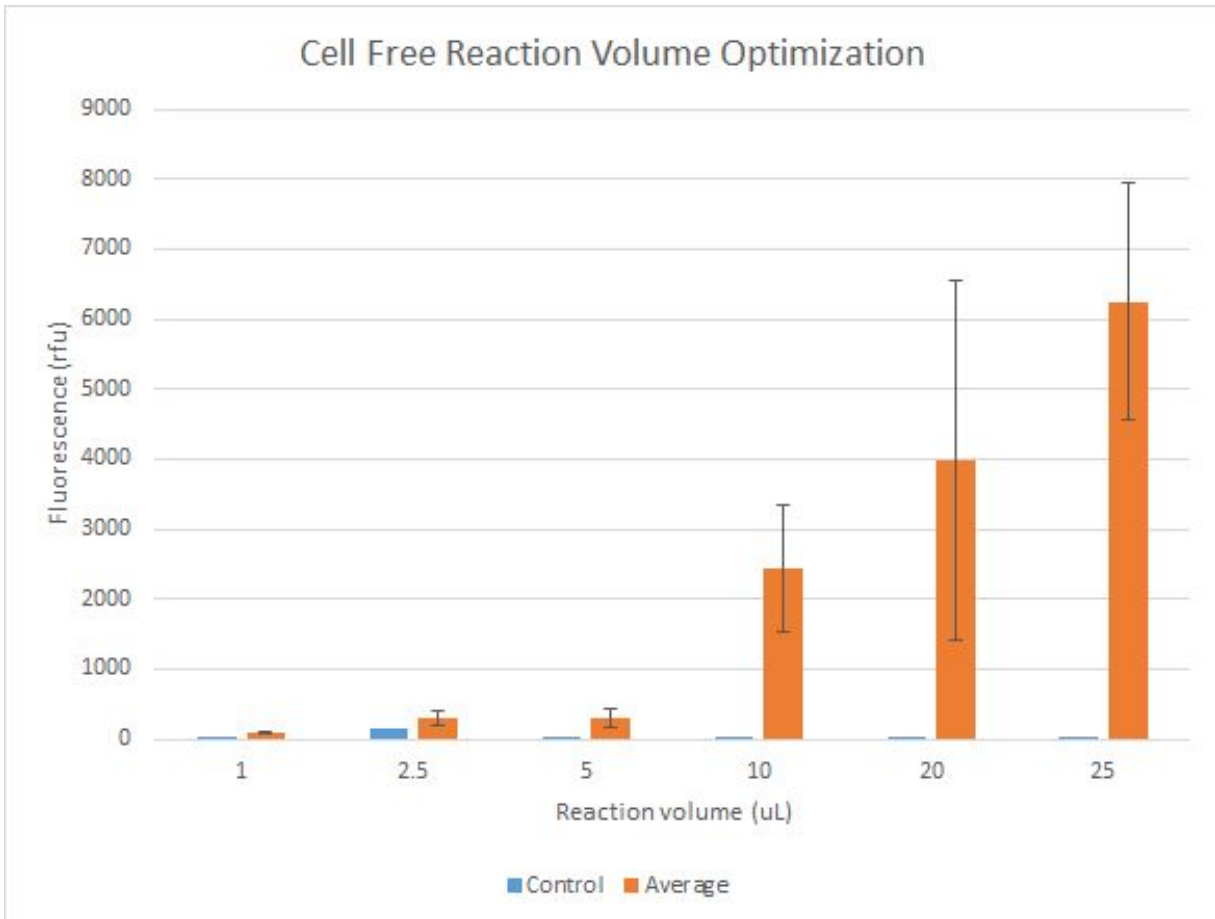
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
B					1 C	1-1	1-2	1-3	2.5 C	2.5-1	2.5-2	2.5-3
C	5 C	5-1	5-2	5-3	10 C	10-1	10-2	10-3	20 C	20-1	20-2	20-3
D	25 C	25-1	25-2	25-3	eGFP 50	eGFP 100	eGFP 200					

Plate01													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
A	13.924	16.883	12.463	13.010	12.137	392.00	125.45	12.582	85.224	74.561	159.54	112.75	Endpoint
B	57.254	15.707	351.86	351.67	11.763	85.746	124.02	76.468	151.38	244.90	434.46	252.79	Fluorescence
C	11.656	437.97	281.60	157.75	17.979	3481.5	2053.2	1785.9	11.929	1745.7	3421.0	6781.2	Ex Em Cutoff
D	46.705	4560.8	6231.4	7962.7	185.78	485.85	505.40	12.139	14.326	13.321	14.725	15.078	Lm1 485 515 495
E	15.667	16.551	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	15.155	Automatic Off

RESULTS



Fluorescence read at 485 excitation, 515 emission, 495 cutoff after a 2-hour incubation. 5-uL reactions were diluted to a total of 25 uL to accommodate the plate reader.



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[Cell-free](#) Collins plasmids with DNA trigger quick test (Aife)

Triggers diluted to D: 61.725 ng/uL

G: 62.5 ng/uL

	D	G
Solution A	2	2
Solution B	1.5	1.5
RNAse inhibitor	0.25	0.25
Trigger (25 ng)	0.4	0.4
Switch (25 ng)	0.6	0.52
Substrate	0.25	0.25
Water	0	0.8

Absorbance (570 nm)	0.093	0.090
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Controls from day before at 0.064, 0.047
Color darkened, but not fully purple

[Cell-free](#) linear T7-eGFP test (Aife)

T7-eGFP [digested](#) with PstI and [purified](#)

	50 ng linear eGFP	control
Solution A	2	2
Solution B	1.5	1.5
RNAse inhibitor	0.25	0.25
DNA	0.73 at 68.4 ng/uL	0
Water	0.52	1.25
Fluorescence Ex 484 Em 585 Cutoff 495	13.948	31.612

Linearized without terminator doesn't work, unless control and DNA got mixed up

[Cell-free](#) amilCP plasmid quick test again (Aife)

	200 ng plasmid amilCP
Solution A	2
Solution B	1.5
RNAse inhibitor	0.25
DNA	1.34 (amilCP 4)
Water	0
Absorbance (588 nm)	0.045 , similar to empty wells

No amilCP expression

Plate full-length lacZ

[Liquid culture](#) of T7-eGFP-term

Friday, July 1

No lacZ growth on plate

[Glycerol stock](#) of T7-eGFP-term (Claire)

[Cell-free](#) Collins DNA trigger dosage (Claire)

Trigger oligo dilution (for D and G)

$$100 \text{ uM} / 4 = 25 \text{ uM} / 10 = 2.5 \text{ uM} / 10 = 250 \text{ nM} / 10 = 25 \text{ nM} / 10 = 2.5 \text{ nM} / 10 = 0.25 \text{ nM} / 10 = 25 \text{ pM} / 10 = 2.5 \text{ pM}$$

D 2.5 uL	8 uM x2	1 uM x2	100 nM x2	1 nM x2	1 pM x2	0	mismatch
Sol'n A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sol'n B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse in	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125
trigger	0.4 100 uM	0.4 2.5 uM	0.4 250 nM	0.4 2.5 nM	0.4 2.5 pM	0	0.4 100 uM G
switch	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
substrate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
H2O	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0

G 2.5 uL	8 uM x2	1 uM x2	100 nM x2	1 nM x2	1 pM x2	0	mismatch
Sol'n A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sol'n B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse in	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125
trigger	0.4 100 uM	0.4 2.5 uM	0.4 250 nM	0.4 2.5 nM	0.4 2.5 pM	0	0.4 100 uM D
switch	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
substrate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
H2O	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.48	0.08

PROCEDURE

1. Master mix: 26 rxns, each 2.5 uL

26 uL Solution A

19.5 uL Solution B

3.25 uL RNAse inhibitor

3.25 uL substrate

2. Separate into 2 x 26 uL

D

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G

3. Add 3.9 uL

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3.38 uL switch

4. Remove 2 x 2.3 uL

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2 x 2.28 uL for control and mismatch

Control: add 0.2 uL // 0.24 uL water
Mismatch: add 0.2 uL // 0.2 uL DNA
0.04 uL water
5. Separate into 5 x 4.6 uL // 5 x 4.52 uL
Add 0.4 uL // 0.4 uL DNA of correct concentration

Incubate for 2 hours, then separate into 2.5 uL reactions diluted to 25 uL in plate
Color change visible for D in all concentrations ≥ 1 nM by 30 min, 8 uM dark
G 1 pM still quite light 1:30 in, 1 nM visibly darkened



D switch. Control, MM, dec. concentration

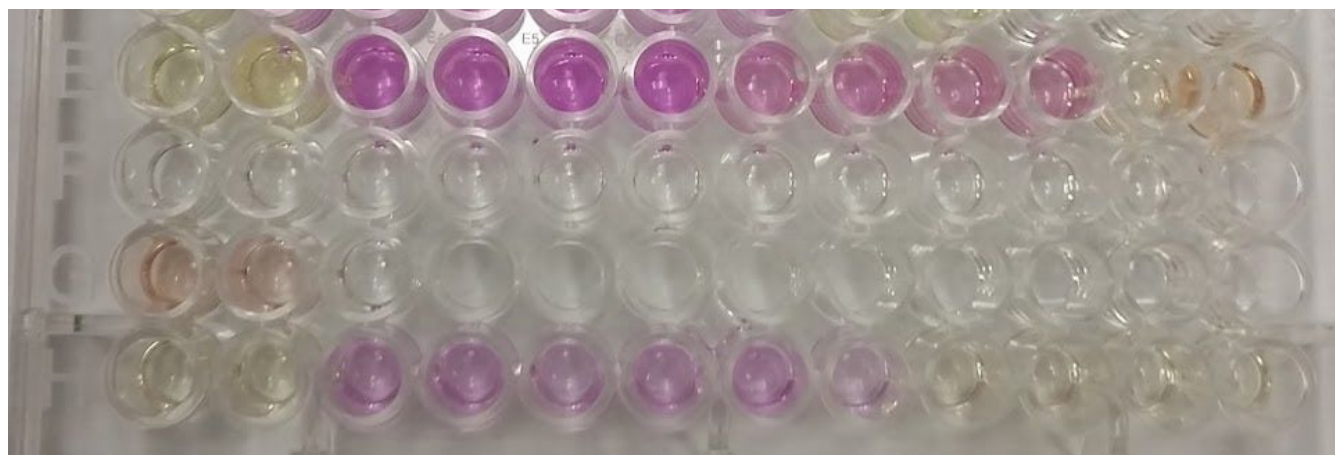


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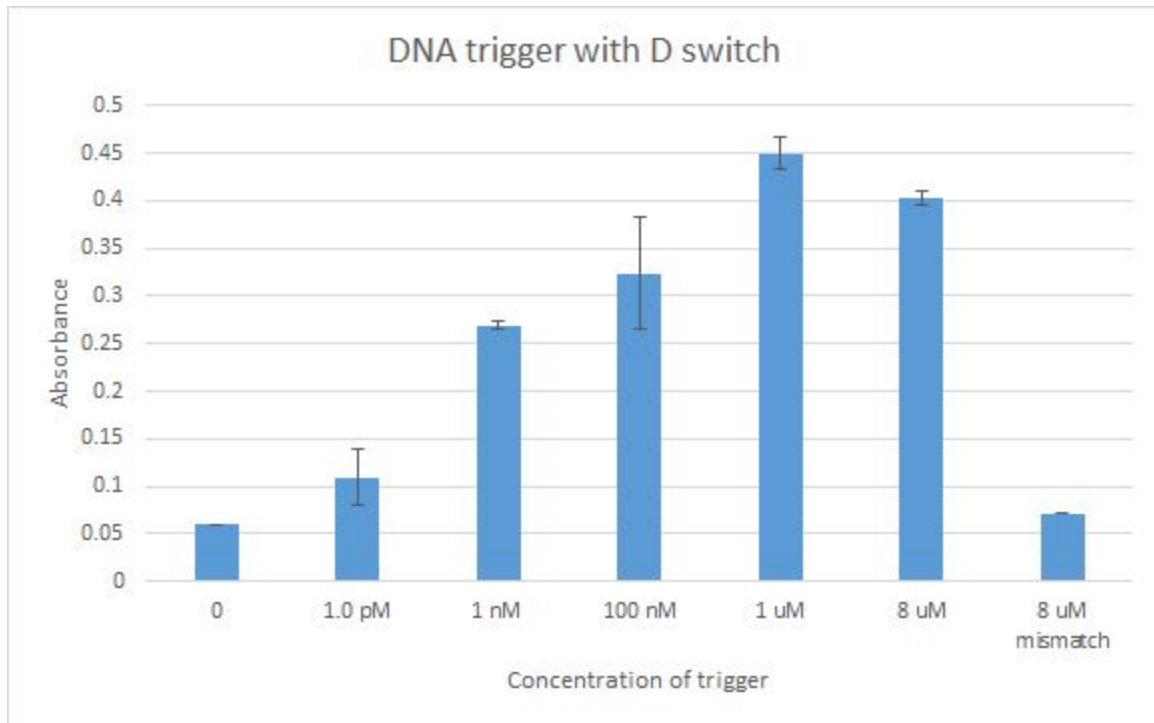
Clear plate

Absorbance 570	Plate	50 uL total, 5 uL rxn (25 total, 2.5 rxn for 0, MM)	25 uL total 2.5 uL rxn	50 uL total 2.5 uL rxn
D 0	E1	0.053	0.056	0.060
D MM	E2	0.068	0.054	0.071
D 8 uM 1	E3	0.808	0.109	0.398
D 8 uM 2	E4	--	0.141	0.408
D 1 uM 1	E5	0.878	0.101	0.462
D 1 uM 2	E6	--	0.117	0.438
D 100 nM 1	E7	0.571	0.075	0.282
D 100 nM 2	E8	--	0.107	0.366
D 1 nM 1	E9	0.514	0.064	0.266
D 1 nM 2	E10	--	0.083	0.272
D 1 pM 1	E11	0.133	0.030	0.088

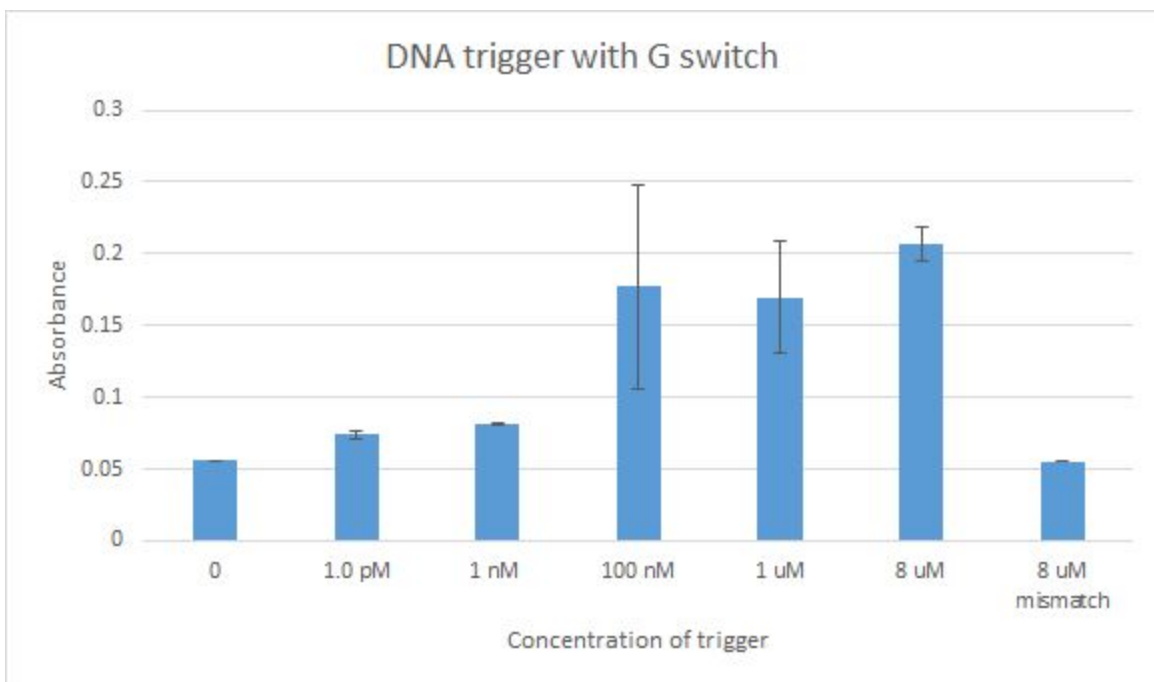
D 1 pM 2	E12	--	0.068	0.130
G 0	H1	0.044	0.042	0.056
G MM	H2	0.047	0.048	0.055
G 8 uM 1	H3	0.383	0.061	0.198
G 8 uM 2	H4	--	0.074	0.215
G 1 uM 1	H5	0.305	0.027	0.142
G 1 uM 2	H6	--	0.067	0.197
G 100 nM 1	H7	0.347	0.094	0.227
G 100 nM 2	H8	--	0.036	0.127
G 1 nM 1	H9	0.102	0.057	0.081
G 1 nM 2	H10	--	0.066	0.082
G 1 pM 1	H11	0.074	0.060	0.076
G 1 pM 2	H12	--	0.071	0.072



RESULTS



Absorbance read at 570 nm for 2.5 uL reactions diluted to 50 uL.



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[Cell-free](#) amilCP overnight incubation (Claire)

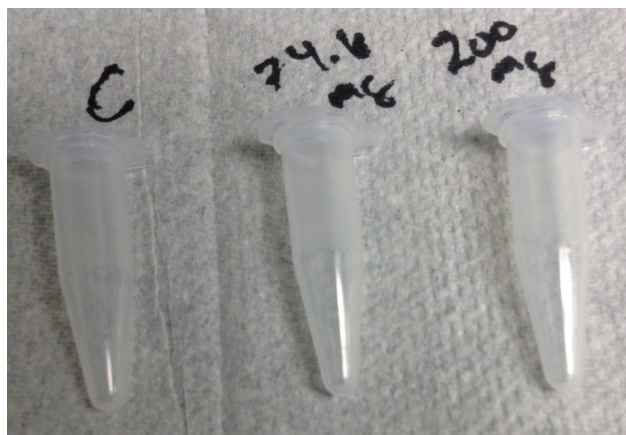
5 uL rxn	74.6 ng	200 ng	0 ng
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Solution A	2	2	2
Solution B	1.5	1.5	1.5
RNAse	.25	.25	.25
DNA	0.5	1.34	0
water	0.75	0	1.25

After 2 hours, remove 1 uL from each into room temp. Remaining 4 uL in 37
Streak lacZ again

Sunday, July 3

Check amilCP reactions--no color



No growth on lacZ plates

